to be spent for the taking of meals, those three men had to drag that iron thing, going round and round, not like the bullock at its slow and easy-going pace, but like a horse, literally running all the time, without halt or stoppage, for fear of getting short task in the evening.

If by chance one amongst the three got tired and laged behind, there was the petty officer watching, with his bludgeon held ready, a moment itiore and it would come down on the poor fellow's back, with a thirty pound crash like the *'bolt from the blue". Should this not suffice for a stimulant, there was to be added some perfectly efficient treatment, that the poor fellow could *'never have yet dreamt of". I have myself witnessed a case in which they got a convict tied hand and foot to the cross bar, while the others dragged, simply because he happened to lag behind a little and could not keep pace with them. It was indeed a most pitiable scene to witness thus a human being treated by his

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human beings, his whole body scratched and
bleeding all the while, as he had to go rubbing
and scrubbing against the floor in spite of him-